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## MWC Officials and Students Quit Task Force

By Sharon Conway  
Bulletin Staff Writer

An open forum planned to alleviate conflict between the college and the city did just the opposite. College officials announced their withdrawal from the city-college task force before the forum and student members have since decided to withdraw as well, adding more tension to already strained community-college relations.

Marjorie Poyck, Executive Assistant to MWC President William Anderson, said Thursday afternoon that college administrators no longer wished to remain on the task force.

"We feel like it has become too politicized and adversarial," said Poyck.

MWC student task force members have also decided to withdraw from the current college-community task force.

"At this point, we're not interested in continuing the students' involvement in this particular college-community task force," said Student Association President and task force member Devon Williams. "We're not inclined to participate in what is being offered at this point."

Issues of commuter parking, vandalism, noise pollution, and safety were discussed in a packed room of approximately 150 students and residents. The forum was the first formal public meeting between the city and the college to discuss problems that have been ongoing for the past 20 years. It was designed to give city residents and students an opportunity to present their concerns to the task force composed of students, MWC administrators, city residents, and city council members.

The public forum was originally planned to be co-chaired by Poyck, executive assistant to MWC President,



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Above, task force members listen to speakers; left, MWC students wait their turn to speak; right, MWC senior Simon Borger uses his time at the podium to talk about students' positive contributions to the community.

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and Fredericksburg's City Manager Anthony I. Hooper. City Council members fired Hooper Tuesday night, however, by a 4-3 majority, citing reasons including his supposed preferential treatment toward the college.

MWC Vice President for Business and Finance Dick Miller responded to the city's reasoning at a press conference Thursday, saying, "I think what these people [City Council members who voted to fire Hooper] have in

mind is a scapegoat."

Miller said one of the key reasons cited by city council for Hooper's firing was that he gave preferential treatment to MWC with regard to the college's stormwater management plan. However, Miller said that the college's plan had to be approved not only by the city but also by state agencies, and that Hooper had approved nothing more than what state agencies approved.

Vice Mayor Gordon W. Shelton, one of the council members who voted to fire Hooper, chaired Thursday's forum. He used an agenda drawn up by the city and asked task force members not to speak during the public portion of the meeting. At least two members of the task force were unaware of these regulations and had pre-

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## Bond Passage Crucial To College Renovation

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles regarding the financial situation of the college.

By Andrea Hatch  
Bulletin Editor-in-Chief

On Nov. 3, voters in Virginia can give Mary Washington College \$16 million for the renovation of the fine arts complex and the construction of a new science building.

"[The general education bond] is critical to MWC and every state college," said Dick Miller, vice president for business and finance. The college has wanted to renovate the complex for three to four years. "We were a few weeks before the bidding when the budget crunch hit," Miller added.

"We were originally listed in priority for lottery money," said Legislative Action Committee Chairperson Heather Jacobs.

If passed, the renovation would cost \$4 million. The fine arts com-

plex would be initiated the beginning of the 1993-94 school year. The renovation would last one and a half years. The science building, which would receive \$12 million, would begin in 1994, according to Miller. "More planning is needed," he added.

"It's time for the voters to let the entire state know that they value the importance of higher education," said Jacobs. "The bond referendum is a way to go about it."

The general obligation bond, which is a direct appropriation from the state of Virginia, would come at no cost to the students. The state sells bonds and repays them over time, said Miller.

Other projects which have used appropriations directly from the state include the renovation of Trinkle and the repair of the roof on Goolrick.

The capital outlay budget is comprised of funds provided by the state of Virginia for major renovations. The college requested \$200,000 for 1993-94 to install a new sound and light

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Chandler Channel

Whole lot of digging going on. See story, page 2.

## Students Respond To Abrams' Suspension

By Janet Marshall  
Bulletin News Editor

Less than a week after the suspension of then Student Association Vice President Rob Abrams, the Mary Washington College Senate elected a temporary replacement for Abrams.

Senior Brady Chapman won the election for senate vice president at Wednesday's Senate meeting, defeating senior Brian Donaghy by a margin of 42-18. According to guidelines specified in the S.A. constitution, Chapman, as Senate Vice President, will act as S.A. Vice President until that position is filled.

S.A. will hold a campus-wide election this Tuesday to fill the vacated S.A. Vice President position.

According to S.A. President Devon Williams, seven people initially expressed an interest in running for S.A. Vice President but only two have decided to run.

Finance Committee Vice President Donaghy and Senate Board Student Welfare Co-chair Amy Mumpower

will be vying for the position in next Wednesday's election.

Williams said the new S.A. vice president will assume the position's duties at the senate meeting Sept. 30.

"We want it done as quickly and efficiently as possible. We need someone to fill the opening," Williams said.

Students had mixed reactions to last week's Bulletin story which reported that a Student Conduct Hearing Board found Abrams guilty of sexual assault and suspended him for one year.

One sophomore, who wished to remain anonymous, said that it is important for students to know about sexual assault cases.

"I was happy that there was a message sent to students so that guys know that they can't get away with it," she said. "I can't help but wonder if he was 'in a high profile position, it wouldn't have come up.'"

Another sophomore who also wished to remain anonymous said

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## AIDS Testing in Fredericksburg: Waiting, Worrying, Wondering How To Play It Safe

By David Clayton  
Bulletin Staff Writer

The waiting room is made for children. There is a crib on one side of the room and another in the hall. There are various toys for tots and toddlers. Colored plastic chairs line the walls, leaving a large open space in the middle of this waiting room at the Fredericksburg Health Department. A young girl, waiting for her mother, spins around and around, her sneakers squeaking on the tile floor. I'm waiting my turn to be tested for sexually transmitted

diseases [STDs] at the Fredericksburg Health Department, which provides free testing for various STDs on Mondays and Thursdays from 1-2 p.m. Anonymous and free AIDS tests are available from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and from 1-4 p.m. on the same days.

I am the only man in the room. I am surrounded by college students and young mothers, blacks and whites, teenagers and women in their twenties. I watch the young girl spin.

STDs, once called venereal diseases, are some of the most common infectious diseases in the United States.

According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), more than 13 million people are affected each year by chlamydia, syphilis, herpes, gonorrhea, and more than 15 other STDs.

Dr. Ilma Overman, MWC physician and director of the health center on campus, feels that STDs are a problem at MWC. "When you're talking about STDs, one is too many," she said.

Overman said that last year there were five to ten cases of chlamydia, 10-15 of genital warts, one or two of genital herpes, and one case of syphilis, which was the first case

of syphilis she had seen in a student in 15 years.

"When you lump it all together, I think it is a big problem," she said.

I am at the Fredericksburg clinic with Lori Parrish, Chairperson of the AIDS/STDs Peer Education Group at MWC. The Peer Educators do 15-20 programs a semester, which are attended by about 400 students. Parrish thinks the attitudes of students are changed by the programs.

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## COAR Thrives Under New Guidance

By Sharon Conway  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Community Outreach (COAR) is working to launch innovative service learning programs in the classroom under the new direction of Elizabeth Whiston-Dean.

Whiston-Dean replaced Assistant Dean of Student Activities Kathleen Knight in August, when Knight left Mary Washington College to get her doctorate at the University of Virginia. Under Knight's guidance COAR was recognized by Campus Outreach Opportunity League as a school which has established a successful community organization.

Last year 820 students were involved with COAR, roughly 15% of the campus population. This year COAR's goals are even higher. With a \$10,000 budget, their aim is to complete 10,000 hours of service work with the participation of 1,000 volunteers.

This year the expectation of Whiston-Dean is to make COAR's program even better. "I think it is important to have high expectations, because it will keep us on our toes," asserted Whiston-Dean. "It would be impossible to not have [expectations], because Kathleen did such a great job with COAR."

Students and faculty agree that the transition is going very well. "I think it was a very smooth transition due most to the fact that Elizabeth is so good natured and easy to work with," said Simon Berger, co-chairperson of kids recreation for COAR.

Cedric Rucker, Dean of Student Activities, is optimistic about the growth potential of COAR.

"Elizabeth is very personable, enthusiastic and has excellent ideas for growth of service learning at Mary Washington College," Rucker said.

Whiston-Dean was formerly a graduate assistant at the Center for Service-Learning at James Madison University. She said she is excited with the prospect of instigating experiential education in the Mary Washington classroom. Her initial goals for the growth of service learning are



Photo Kim Stoker

### COAR Director Elizabeth Whiston-Dean.

to learn about the existing facilities, improve the quality of the service learning programs, and to meet the faculty members that are enthusiastic and interested in them.

"I want to incorporate service learning into existing courses instead of creating new courses. I don't want to reinvent the wheel," said Whiston-Dean. Diane Newcomb, Student Director of COAR, said that COAR has experienced difficulty in incorporating service learning in the past.

"We have tried to incorporate service learning from the beginning, but we have encountered a lot of resistance from the faculty."

Currently COAR is working with faculty who are interested in experiential education on their own accord. "Eventually I want to see service as a more integral part of the classroom, blur the lines of the classroom and the community," said Whiston-Dean.

Paul Zisman, Professor of Education, has incorporated a five hour requirement of outside-of-school field experiences into his curriculum. His students volunteer to work with children in places ranging from Rappahannock Big Brother/Big Sister to the Council on Domestic Violence.

"I would like to see this move more and more. There are classes that require service learning. I want to tie them into COAR," Whiston-Dean said.

Whiston-Dean says the prospects of service learning being incorporated into the curriculum would pull students out of the classroom and toward commu-

nity involvement.

"The object of experiential education is that learning becomes active. Through community experience students can directly encounter their specific topics, but they are also learning how to become active citizens," explained Whiston-Dean.

Service learning has the potential to enrich the term class participation by coordinating experiential learning with academics in the classroom. Dean Beck, Vice President for Student Affairs, is enthusiastic about service learning.

"Service learning is valuable in taking the text book knowledge and putting it to didactic use. It makes it easier to learn when you see a direct result of what you are learning," Beck said.

COAR's programs are numerous, ranging from providing services to help deal with hunger and homelessness. Some programs provide volunteers to spending time with people who need extra attention, including children, the elderly, and the mentally challenged. Their services include approaches such as tutoring and recreation.

COAR emphasizes that experiential education is a way that students can engage their specific topic to a direct community experience by instigating a positive change and defining their roles as active community members.

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system in Dodd Auditorium. The last time MWC used outlay projects was for the renovation of Trinkle in 1990-1991. They received \$2.2 million from state lottery proceeds, because, according to Miller, the old library was deemed outdated.

The money for capital outlay projects is under Chapter 893 of the State Appropriations Bill, which allows money for budgets for all state colleges and universities in April.

The repair of the roof on Goolrick, as well as other projects, are paid for out of the maintenance reserve budget. This is general appropriations from the state of Virginia of approximately \$250,000, which aroused for major infrastructure projects on educational and general buildings.

"They are used for improvements very rarely seen by the students," said Miller. These improvements include repair of the steam tunnels, parking lots and roofs. This summer the college spent \$115,000 for a new roof on Goolrick. "There are laws on the books which say they shall take care of your roofs first," said Miller.

Next year, the college hopes to replace the elevators in George Washington and Combs halls.

These budgets are in addition to the \$33 million the college requires each year for the general operating budget. The three budgets that make up the operating budget are paid for through state appropriations, tuition, as well as, room and board. Students pay for 51 percent of the budget while state allotments pay for 49 percent.

Bonds, such as the general obligation bond, are also purchased on behalf of the college to pay for renovations and the construction of new buildings.

Revenue bonds, unlike general obligation bonds which are paid for by the students. The state, according to Miller, sells bonds on behalf of state colleges and universities. Five to ten smaller colleges, which include MWC, participate as a group.

Revenue bonds were used for the building of Alvey Hall, which costs \$3 million. It is being paid for through room and board fees and will be paid for by 2010. According to Miller, "Alvey II" cost \$2.4 million. It will be paid for by 2012.

Besides these operating budgets, the college also administers Belmont, Gari Melchers Estate and Gallery and the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library.

According to Miller, these organizations are self-sufficient. They receive approximately \$100,000 which is used to pay personnel, heating, lighting and equipment.

According to David Bereth, director of Belmont, staff salaries are paid with state budget funds. Since state budget cuts, however, the gallery cannot afford to pay utility bills with state funds. To raise additional money, the gallery charges admission to visitors and also rents the galleries and gardens. The gallery charges \$250 to rent the gallery or grounds, Bereth said.

"Only one-fourth of our budget comes from admissions and sales," Bereth added. One half of their budget is supplied through state allotment. The other half is earned through admissions, rentals, sales and endowments.

This year, Belmont was chosen by the Garden Club of Virginia for a major restoration project. The money is applied for like a grant, said Bereth. "We draw a plan," he added. "They don't tell us how much they're going to spend." The restoration includes replanting beds, planting trees, and replanting part of the lawn.

At the James Monroe Museum, state allotment covers staff salaries and operation of the physical plant, according to John N. Pearce, director of planning and programs at the Museum.

According to Pearce, the museum receives approximately \$86,000 from the state of Virginia and \$55,000 from admission charges, sales and membership fees.

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she was concerned with how sexual assault trials are handled.

"I wish things like this could be handled more promptly and openly," she said. "I just wish the environment was such that the victim could feel more comfortable."

Freshman Lori Davenport, a student mentee of Abrams', said she was shocked when she heard about Abrams' suspension.

"If it wasn't right for him to be in a position over girls as an R.A., I don't understand why it was right for him to be our mentor."

Several professors interviewed said they did not know Abrams personally and preferred not to comment on his case. Professor of English Daniel Derwin did express concern over the issue of sexual assault.

"We are undergoing changes in what is considered acceptable conduct," Derwin said. "There are some grey areas that haven't been clearly defined."

Senior Adam Owings said he feels it is important for sexual assault victims to report assaults, either to local police, college police or college administrators.

In response to Abrams' suspension, Owings said, "Getting one year kicked out of school compared to what he could have gotten is lenient."

Although several students said the Bulletin article increased their awareness and may increase the reporting of sexual assaults, Senate Rules and Procedures Chair Mike Giardina was disappointed with the Bulletin's coverage.

"I'm disappointed in the coverage the Bulletin gave. The article included a lot of information that was not public," Giardina said. "This coverage is the same as if it went on his transcripts. They didn't report it fairly. It should have said that a trial occurred, a person was found guilty, and this was the sanction. It should not have given Rob's name."



Backhoe operator digs ditch to uncover faulty pipes running into Chandler Hall. The repair project took four weeks and has cost more than \$13,000 to date.

Photo Kim Stoker

## Leak In Pipe Leads To Costly Repairs

By Kristen Green  
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

A steampipe leak originally estimated to cost approximately \$2000 to fix ended up costing more than \$13,500 after four weeks of work.

The leak sprung in a steampipe leading into Chandler Hall on August 30. The Physical Plant and City Welding patched the hole in the steel steampipe the following day but within several days another leak developed in a different part of the pipe.

Bob Andrews, director of the physical plant, said the pipe was not replaced when Chandler Hall was renovated. "The pipe was installed in 1938 when the building was built, so when we started to mend the second leak, we figured we'd better replace the whole thing," he said.

According to Danny Quann, Plumber Steamfitter Foreman for the Physical Plant, the original leak sprang in a condensation line which feeds steam into the building. The second leak sprang in the line which takes condensate, steam which has cooled down, out of the building. These two lines extend from the tunnel at Virginia to Chandler Hall. The lines run under the sidewalk and because of this, the sidewalk had to be torn up. It was replaced last week.

Dick Miller, Vice President for Business and Finance, said that he realized how unattractive the construction made the campus look and said that he wanted the job completed before Parents' Weekend.

"We've had a devil of a time," Miller said. "It's ugly as can be. We don't like it any more than you do."

When asked for a cost estimate of the repair on Tuesday, Sept. 15, Miller said he was expecting it to cost "a couple thousand dollars."

Andrews, however, said the cost was closer to \$5,000 or \$6,000, but said that estimate may be a little shy of the final cost.

"It's hard to tell," Andrews said. "We haven't been billed yet so we just don't know."

Physical Plant Grounds Supervisor Richard Blair said he did not know the cost but said that many outside materials and services were required for the job.

According to Blair, an air compressor was rented for three days. City Welding was hired to mend the original pipe. New steel schedule 40 pipe and fittings were bought when the Physical Plant decided to replace the pipe. Outside contractors were hired to replace the concrete and the bricks.

Miller said in a phone interview on September 18 that the estimate that Andrews had given for the project (\$5000-6000) might be a more realistic estimate than the one he had given previously. He said he could not provide more specific costs because the project had not been completed.

Erma Baker, Director of Purchasing, said on September 17 that she had been sent only one bill for the project. By September 25, however, she had received most of the bills for the project. These bills totaled over \$12,000.

One bill was for gisulute for \$4710, which was purchased from Schultz and James of Richmond, Virginia. According to Quann, gisulute is a type of insulation that keeps dirt away from the pipes and prevents heat from going up through the ground.

City Welding, of 1212 Lafayette Blvd. in Fredericksburg, charged \$1540 to repair the original pipe and to assist with the replacement of that pipe after the second leak sprung.

The cost of a three day rental of an air compressor totaled \$602.

New pipes, valves, fittings, and other miscellaneous tools, purchased from Fredericksburg Hardware, totaled \$1,394.

Southern Brick charged \$4500 to replace the brick walk and for supplies.

Purchasing had not received a bill for Abby Construction for the work they did to replace the cement in the brick walk.

Quann said that the Physical Plant had hired a digger to assist with the project, whom they paid \$810.

"We didn't know what it would cost. The job continued to expand. The original estimate is what we thought it would cost," Baker said.

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## FORUM

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pared speeches.

Shelton said he was pleased with the meeting and is optimistic that the videotaped meeting will facilitate more discussion and help the city to move ahead. "I hope that the college will stay in this task force. I do not feel we will get anywhere if they withdraw," said Shelton.

Student Association President Williams, however, disagreed.

"I don't think the group we had was a task force at all," Williams said. She said the college's efforts to shape the meeting were largely ignored.

"We had a lot of difficulty leading up to tonight and most was a lack of cooperation on their part," she said.

Williams said that the city had put nine people on their task force, breaking the original agreement of having six members from each side. Other complaints against the task force include the unapproved switch of the chairperson.

Williams said that although the students have withdrawn from the task force, they will continue to combat the problems discussed at the forum.

Several residents expressed anger over the college's withdrawal.

"It is an attitude problem on the college's part," one resident said. "They are going to play with these toys and then go home and forget about them."

Matthew Kelly, MWC alumnus and an alternate on the task force, said he was surprised and upset over MWC's withdrawal.

"If they (the college) can't call the shots they don't want to play. What surprised the hell out of me was the students pulling out. They have been digesting this for over a month," Kelly said.

Heather Jacobs, Legislative Action Committee Chairwoman and task force member, emphasized the students' continuing commitment to resolving the problems.

"We're not just a bunch of hot heads that are stirring up trouble and then

going to walk away," Jacobs said.

Jacobs said she would like to implement a permanent task force made up of students and residents to further develop communication.

"I would like to see a task force on a more neutral ground," said Jacobs.

Poyck said it would be more efficient for the college to work independently from the task force. She also said the college is planning to appoint people to a small, permanent, college-community relations board.

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parking. The residents argued that the college provides 13 on-campus parking spots for approximately 1600 commuting students. "Our streets were not designed to be a commuter lot," said MWC alumnus and city resident Kerry John.

The residents emphasized that they were not angry with the students, but felt frustrated that the administration had not dealt with the parking problem.

One resident said, "Our quality of life should not deteriorate because we live near the college."

Lemuel Houston, a 50 year resident of Fredericksburg, lives only a half a block from the college. He said he understood and appreciated the problems of parking, but he found any problems he had with the college were minimal and quickly resolved. Houston reassured students that they were both welcome and appreciated in Fredericksburg.

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"The people of Fredericksburg have always supported the college. We are happy to have you here and we are proud of you," Houston said.

Both students and residents spoke of compromises to alleviate the parking problem. Ned Jones, a city resident, purchased his home over thirty years ago and has been witness to the growth of MWC. He said he felt no animosity toward the students, but he also said that it was impossible to find a parking space in front of his house. He suggested MWC follow Williams College example and provide parking meters.

Michael Giardina, a member of MWC Senate, stressed the need for compromise. He suggested that a commuter bus would eliminate the need for many students to drive to school. He added that Senate is working on a proposal to deal with the problem.

"We would have the city reserve one parking space per house for weekdays," said Giardina.

Both students and residents attributed stereotypes as a factor which contributed to the animosity they have felt toward each other.

"We are stereotyping college students as noisy students when in fact they are future leaders," said city resident Rick Pullman.

Junior Nathan Wade, a residential student, asked that the residents not judge all students by the small minority that may cause problems, "just as I won't judge locals by the Fredericksburg man charged with the beating of a black student last summer."

Although no solutions were agreed upon, many people left the forum feeling it had served its purpose.

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## Wellness Center Strives To Improve Health Awareness On MWC Campus

By Katherine Ashby

Bulletin Staff Writer

As the nation grows more health conscious, Mary Washington College follows suit with the induction of the Wellness Program.

According to its mission statement, the purpose of the program is "to increase awareness of personal wellness...and to help students improve and sustain healthy attitudes and behavior."

"We're not only focusing on the physical aspect of wellness," explains Rhonda Angel, Director of Wellness Programs. Emphasis is also placed on the emotional, social, sexual, cultural, spiritual, and intellectual facets of wellness.

The program branches off and promotes wellness education on a number of topics, including Alcohol and Other Drugs, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, Human Relations, Interpersonal Relationships, Sexual Assault and Harassment, and Sexually Transmitted Diseases/AIDS.

The peer education groups have been in existence for a couple of years, but their new name and new office in the basement of Lee Hall better organizes the groups. According to Angel, the new program is a "centralized concept to promote wellness in all these areas."

All of the groups are for the students, and most services are provided by the students, which according to Angel is a "vital piece" of the program. "I wanted students to be involved from the beginning," said Angel.

Each group is chaired by students who train other students to serve as peer educators for the particular subject. The educators are under the direction of a supervisor, but the students provide the services based upon the need. "They communicate with their peers better than I can," said Angel.

The Alcohol and Drug Peer Educators exist to provide education related to alcohol and drug abuse and offer programs about topics such as addiction, and how to help friends who drink too much.

The Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Peer Educators are certified by the American Heart Association to teach certification classes for the college community. Rachel Abrajano, chair of CPR, explains that this group differs from the others in that they are "more instructional."

They offer five classes presently and plan to add more in the spring.

Through forums, workshops, and community speakers, the Human Relations group strives to promote the tolerance and respect of gender issues, sexual orientation, religious and ethnic diversity, and physical and mental challenges. Cindy Rush, a peer educator, feels confident about the group's ability. "We have diversity within our group," said Rush. Plans for this group include helping with Gay Awareness Week and Black History Month.

The Interpersonal Relationships Peer Educators pro-

vide education to help students improve interpersonal relations and communication skills. Assertive communication, group facilitation, and negotiation are some of the programs offered by this group.

By covering issues such as sexual stereotypes and gender roles and expectations, the Sexual Assault and Harassment Peer Educators work to educate the college community about their topic.

The Sexually Transmitted Diseases/AIDS Peer Educators educate students about reducing at-risk behavior and offering knowledge of a healthier lifestyle. This group is now busy with freshman seminars and Resident Assistant programs, but they also plan to help with AIDS Awareness Week and offer birth control classes. Chairwoman Lori Parrish feels that this group is an important part of the Wellness Program, although many people do not always realize the importance of AIDS education.

"But when you personalize it," said Parrish, "people start to take notice, especially with AIDS."

While the Wellness Program plans to expand, it is currently targeting only those areas which are known to be of the most interested and concern to students. "We're looking to meet needs of the student population," said Angel.

The Wellness Program office is located in 11 Lee Hall, and their hours are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. An open house will be held on October 15 from 11 - 2 p.m.

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Debate Team Successful at Tournament

A pair of MWC debaters took first place in the junior varsity division of the 41st Annual Connelly-Garvey Invitational Debate Tournament. Freshman Jason Gordon teamed with sophomore Heather Mullins to capture the first place trophy.

The MWC team finished with a 3-5 record with wins over the University of Michigan and Augustana College (Illinois). The next scheduled tournament occurs on Oct. 2-4 at Randolph-Macon College.

## Bloodmobile to be held at MWC

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## Volunteers, New Manager Tackle P.O. Overload

By Kendra Williams  
Bulletin Staff Writer

New manager of the post office Lisa Marinelli takes a break from her hectic schedule in the mailroom and says, "This is definitely a real eye-opening experience for me."

Marinelli replaced Susan Ames, who moved abruptly when her husband transferred out of the area, on June 1, 1992.

"Susan did an amazing job. She really streamlined the operation and wrote many policies and procedures. Before Susan, there was no computer in here. She made my transition here very smooth," said Marinelli. "But even when I worked this summer, I could not imagine the volume of mail that comes through. It's incredible."

Marinelli proved this by gathering some figures during the first few weeks of school. The mailroom receives about 700 pieces per day on-campus mail and 3000 to 4000 U.S. Postal Service letters a day. This does not include the approximately 150 packages that come in for students daily.

Students send out about 1000 letters a day. There are also 1500-2000 additional pieces sent out of the mailroom by the many organizations and departments on campus, Marinelli said.

This volume does not even include the 330 single stamp and 28 books of stamps sold per day in the average, the 15 packages processed and 130 picked up daily, looking up misaddressed letters and forwarding mail to students no longer at the college.

Because the student workers in the mailroom are busy delivering mail to departments on campus until 10:30 a.m., stamp sales cannot begin until 11 a.m. Stamp sales end at 3 p.m. in order to allow Marinelli to count the drawer and still complete her other tasks by closing time.

"Sorting the incoming mail is our most important priority. Selling stamps to students is an additional service that I



Photo Kim Stecker

## Post Office Manager Lisa Marinelli.

feel is a nice plus. We try to make our hours convenient for students as well as ourselves," said Marinelli.

As manager, Marinelli's responsibilities include primarily handling the budget allotted to the mailroom, as well as other basic administrative duties. "I'm accountable for paying bills, salaries, everything down to the mailroom phone bill. I prepare reports daily and monthly, and constantly answer the phone, solving problems," said Marinelli.

Marinelli also finished and revised a campus post office user's guide began by former postmaster Ames. "It explains the basic services we provide, how to prepare [outgoing] mail. She [Ames] developed it and I added to it, but it was mostly her work," said Marinelli.

Marinelli also said she was very grateful to the 25 students who have volunteered their time to help sort mail at times during the day when the mailroom is busiest.

"I have never been to a school where students are so polite, courteous and caring. They wouldn't volunteer if they didn't care. My first semester as the manager of the college post office has shown me that MWC students are a caliber above other students."

Freshman Elizabeth Bennett volunteered in the mailroom one day

with a friend. She said, "We were asking, 'Is the mail ready?' and she [Marinelli] said, 'No, we need some help.' So we volunteered. I wouldn't mind going back and helping again," Bennett said.

Marinelli also said that her regular staff in the mailroom helped make her transition easy. There are two full-time and two part-time workers as well as 13 student aides.

According to Conrad Warlick, vice president for Administrative Services as well as Marinelli's supervisor, a large number of applicants applied for the position of manager of the mailroom when Susan Ames announced that she was leaving. The college used a screening process in order to narrow the number of applicants.

"I will say this about Lisa Marinelli, she came here with a superb background in mailroom experience and we are fortunate to have someone here with her abilities," said Warlick.

Before becoming manager of the mailroom, Marinelli worked as an administrative service manager at a casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey, where she supervised the mailroom of the casino among other things. She is working on getting a Bachelor's degree at Mary Washington in both business and psychology.

"You never know what is going to happen," said Marinelli, "but my intention is to stay for several years."

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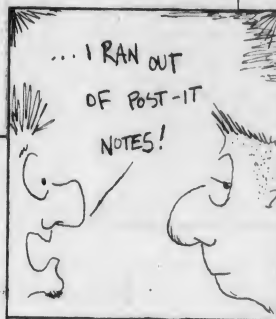


# Opinions

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WHY DON'T YOU  
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ROOMMATE ABOUT  
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## Editorial

We don't have a Mary Washington Eagles football team. We don't have a big stadium where every student, faculty, administrator and alumna can don their blue and gray apparel and wave their pennants in support of a symbol of the College.

Yet, despite this apparent lack of a rallying point, students, faculty, administrators and alumni have come together because of a very pressing problem.

The community, or more specifically, the Fredericksburg city council and a few very vocal Fredericksburg residents, have charged the college with negligence in regard to student parking, pollution and noise problems.

Contrary to the opinions of many politicians, Mary Washington students were not apathetic. They were angry and decided to lash back and defend their positions.

This anger prompted many students to show up at an open forum last

Wednesday to discuss these charges. More showed up for a city council meeting on Thursday. So many students showed up, in fact, that the city council ran out of local residents to represent their side.

Despite the college's withdrawal from the college-community task force, students have learned their potential as organizers who can make a statement. But students also need to realize their potential to go beyond administrative bounds. Mary Washington officials can look to the future for today's local problems; students can't. For example, the administration is waiting for the opening of the Stafford campus to alleviate parking problems as well as create a centralized, "traditional" campus. Today's students can't wait years for this so-called "solution." They need to raise their voices now even louder in protest.

Students know what impact they have on local establishments. How much money would bars and restaurants lose if MWC students stopped frequenting these types of establishments? How much would Giant lose if students stopped crossing the street to buy their groceries? How many hours would volunteer organizations lose without commitment from the students?

Mary Washington students realize their impact. The only problem is that we need to keep reminding the community of it.  
A.H., A.F.

## Letters to the Editor

### Rob Abrams' Rights to Confidentiality Violated?

As an MWC student and appointed member of the Student Conduct Hearing Board, I vehemently oppose the front page article about Rob Abrams in the September 22, 1992 "Sexual Assault" issue of the *Bullet*. Rob Abrams' confidentiality was seriously violated by as little as having his name published. Any other student would have had their confidentiality rights strictly upheld. Rob's high position as Vice-President did not give anyone the right to treat his situation any differently.

It was obvious throughout the article that the *Bullet* persistently tried to get at the confidential information from Rob's Student Conduct hearing, but fortunately those who sat on the trial upheld the high standards of confidentiality that are required.

I find it ironic that the Honor Council or Judicial Review board must pay to have the results of any trials published, yet when a sensationalist opportunity for news occurs, the *Bullet* staff goes well beyond their scope to cover it. The *Bullet* has overstepped its boundaries within the right to freedom of the press. The *Bullet* staff should be concerned that they may have jeopardized their future by a potential lawsuit that I have been informed of first-hand.

I would like to say that from my experience the Student Conduct Hearing Board is a very fair judicial body and I am confident they gave

an appropriate verdict and sanction for the incident that occurred.

Tracy Young  
S.A. Judicial Chairperson

### Inaccuracy of Quote Paints Picture of Laziness

I am writing concerning the inaccuracy of a quote in the article about Class Council filling the Junior positions. Williams quoted me as saying that the application process used to fill the positions was too much work for us (the Executive Board).

First of all, it was not the Executive Board that made the decisions about the positions. The selection committee consists of the officers of the class that are affected, the Class Council President, and the faculty advisor for Class Council. The previous article in the *Bullet* about Class Council by Kristen Green made that quite clear, however, Williams apparently misunderstood.

Secondly, I told Williams that I felt that Class Council should look into changing the constitutional procedures from an application process to an electoral process. The electoral process would allow members of the class to fill positions instead of the positions being filled by people in which the class had no choice. It is not a matter of it being "too much work" for us, but a matter of diplomacy.

In the future, Williams should check her facts and be more cautious with

her quotes before writing her articles.  
Kelley Helmstetter  
Class Council President

### COAR praises Bulletin for Homelessness Article

We were very pleased to see the article on homelessness that was run in the September 1, 1992 issue of the *Bullet*. It clearly stressed the importance of volunteering and the rewards and feelings that can arise from working with the homeless one on one. It was encouraging to see such an article on the front page, and helped to start off the year on the right foot.

There will be many opportunities this year for students to get involved with the problem of homelessness in Fredericksburg. The Hunger and Homelessness Committee of C.O.A.R. will be sponsoring trips to both the local food bank and the new Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter. The first trip to the food bank was September 12; trips of that sort will continue all year. The new shelter will be opening on October 11, but until then they need hands to help with the final parts of the building. Anyone is welcome to go to the shelter or food bank and help.

If you have any questions or are interested in the helping the homeless of Fredericksburg, please call the C.O.A.R. Office at X4986. Anyone who is interested is more than welcome.

Mark Duffy  
C.O.A.R. Council

### Letter Policy

The *Bullet* is always eager to receive letters to the editor and every effort is made to print them.

Letters to the Editor should be approximately 350 words, typed double spaced. All letters are subject to editing. Our deadline is every Friday by 2 p.m.

The *Bullet* does not publish anonymous letters. All letters need to be signed with the writer's appropriate title. A phone number and address is also needed for verification.

All letters can be mailed to the *Bullet* at 1701 College Ave., Fredericksburg, Va. 22401-4666 or delivered to our office in the Woodward Campus Center.

If you have any questions call Andrea Hatch or Amy Fitzpatrick at 899-4393.

## Your Voice . . .

Do you feel that the threat of AIDS has an effect on the way students conduct their sexual activity?



Greg Gamble  
'95



Eric Nolan  
'94

Yeah, I do. You have to be more careful about who you sleep with and use a condom. You have to be more responsible.

I think that students are being more cautious nowadays, but alcohol still makes people reckless.



Z Obi  
'93

I think it should, but a whole lot of students tend to ignore the fact that AIDS is around. They talk about it a lot, but don't act on it.



Maureen Stinger  
'95

I think (and hope) the students on this campus are pretty aware of the dangers of AIDS and are careful about their actions.



Ayvonne Reese  
'93

I think to a certain degree it has made them more cautious and a bit afraid to be as promiscuous as they were.



James Noll  
'94

In some cases, I think yes. But if alcohol is involved, as it is in a lot of cases, you just never think.

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Student Activities Report

# Honor Council Tries First Case of the Year

John Anstey  
Honor Council  
President

On Thursday, September 17, the Honor Council held its first trial for the 1992-93 academic year. A student accused of the Honor violation of lying, specifically forgery, was found not guilty by a nine member student jury.

While this marked the first trial of the semester, three additional Honor violations have been reported, and are scheduled to come to trial this semester.

In the weeks ahead, 27 students will be called for jury duty. This feature sets the Mary Washington Honor System apart from that of most other institutions. Students who are not members of the Honor Council play a vital role in Honor trial proceedings.

Under the Mary Washington Honor Constitution, whenever a trial occurs, the question of guilt or innocence is determined not by a standing honor court, but by a jury of peers selected randomly from the student body.

How are students selected for

jury duty? The process is purely random. Whenever an Honor Trial is scheduled, the President of the Honor Council requests a computer data request from Computer Resources.

Bob Carter, Computer Resources Analyst and Programmer, runs a program which selects students from each respected class. The program is designed so that once a student's name has been selected the computer will not call up that student's name again during the year.

Once the Honor Council received the jury list, the Honor Investigator sends out jury notification letters to prospective jury members. Before the trial begins, all jurors are asked questions, regarding whether or not they can hear the case objectively. If a jury member is biased, an alternative juror will be asked to sit in place of that particular juror.

As long as space permits, the Honor Council will maintain a column throughout the year. If you ever have a question about the Honor System or an Honor related matter, please feel free to call the Honor Council office (899-4619), located on the fourth floor of Lee Hall.

Devon Williams  
S.A. President

On September 24, Mary Washington College students attended the public hearing held at City Hall in full force. The students who spoke at the meeting were articulate and well-informed, offering valuable comments and insight into the problems of community and college relations. As a member of the Community/College Task Force, I was tremendously impressed by the enthusiastic numbers that turned out for this meeting, and I'd personally like to extend my thanks and congratulations to those who attended. Your presence and input to this meeting serve as a direct refutation to the criticisms that label our generation as apathetic and self-centered.

As I stated in Friday's *Free Lance-Star*, I was very pleased with the open dialogue between residents and students that characterized most of the meeting. It seems that the negativity and hostility towards MWC that City Council members such as Mary Frances George and Tuffy Hicks led us to believe exists is simply not prevalent. Rather, there was, for the most part, a mood of cooperation and even support for the college. After the meeting, many students approached me and expressed their satisfaction with the meeting as a whole, and offered positive solutions for the parking problem. I assure you that I will act upon these suggestions and

## Reuse the News ! Recycle the *Bullet*!

Any club or individual interested in writing a column for the *Bullet*, please contact Amy Fitzpatrick in the *Bullet* Office at X4394.

# Community/College Task Force is a Wash

*"I felt as if the college was being asked to participate in a task force in which we were denied any say in membership, leadership, or meeting coordination."*

bring them to the administration. However, a number of students also expressed concern at the college's reluctance to continue to participate in the task force. I'd like to take this opportunity to explain this indisposition.

I agreed to take part in the College/Community task force in late August of this year as one of the three student representatives in the group. Initially, I was very enthusiastic about this cooperative effort, and I attended a number of City Council meetings where I expressed my commitment to the group and to the Fredericksburg community as a whole. However, within a few short weeks a number of events occurred that caused my enthusiasm to wane.

Originally, the task force was cooperatively coordinated by former City Manager Tony Hooper and Executive Assistant to the President Marjorie Poyle. It soon became apparent to me that this coordination would be anything but cooperative, and I attribute this largely to pressure from the majority coalition that has become known as Fredericksburg's own "Gang of Four." City Council members Mary

Frances George, Tuffy Hicks, Betty Gordon, and Gordon Shelton, the very four who voted to fire Hooper last Tuesday night for preferential treatment towards other institutions, most notably Mary Washington College.

Furthermore, I was disturbed when I discovered that the community had appointed nine members to their half of the task force, three more than the six that Hooper and Poyle had initially agreed upon. When the college expressed its dissatisfaction with this situation, we were informed that we could appoint additional members as well. It is for this reason that I wholeheartedly supported Poyle's contention that the group was becoming too "large and unwieldy." Essentially, the community was unwilling to place limitations on the size of the group, and it has been my personal experience that, the larger the group, the more difficult it is to accomplish its objectives.

Size was not the only difficulty within the task force. In the weeks prior to September 24, the college members met a number of times to agree upon objectives and to prepare a tentative agenda for the meeting, which we submitted to Hooper. It was not until the day of the meeting that Shelton informed us that he would be the sole coordinator of the hearing. By doing so, he effectively denied Poyle's right to participate in this capacity. On the same day, we were presented with an agenda, apparently formulated by Shelton himself. Again, our cooperative efforts had been ignored, as it was

soon apparent that none of our suggestions had been incorporated in its format.

When it came to the actual public hearing, I was somewhat relieved to find that college students were given an equal opportunity to speak by Shelton. I was concerned that their attempts to be recognized to speak would not be acknowledged by him. However, when the task force met after the open discussion period, it quickly became obvious that Shelton, as chair of the group, was again in complete control.

Essentially, I felt as if the college was being asked to participate in a task force in which we were denied any say in membership, leadership, or meeting coordination. I hardly consider this situation a cooperative effort.

I hope that this background explains the reluctance on the part of the college to continue to be a part of this group, and that you, as students, will support our decision not to return to City Hall. However, this is not to say that the college will not continue to work on improving community relations or working towards a solution to the parking problem. Both students and administrators already have plans for our own cooperative effort to address these issues, and I assure you that the Student Association will continue to work steadfastly to their efficient resolution.

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## SUMMER SCHOOL 1993

### "EUROPEAN CAPITALS"

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PRAGUE, and BERLIN

For the second year in a row, the Departments of History/American Studies and Political Science/International Affairs are sponsoring a six-credit course that will take students to Europe for four weeks during the first term of summer school in 1993. Students can experience the Europe of yesterday, today, and tomorrow by visiting London, Paris, Vienna, Prague, and Berlin. The six credits for the course can be used as part of the major programs in History, Political Science, or International Affairs, or as elective credit for students not in those majors.

**THE TRIP** - Leaving from Washington during week one of the First Five-Week Term of Summer School, the group will fly to London for a six-day stay, and then travel to the continent to spend five days in Paris, four days in Vienna, three days in Prague, and then the last six days in Berlin. There will be three days for travel between London and Paris, Vienna and Prague and Prague and Berlin and an overnight train ride on the "Orient Express" from Paris to Vienna. The group will return to Washington from Berlin during the last week of the first summer school term.

**THE COURSE** - This is a unique course for Mary Washington College students. It does not duplicate what is already offered on the College campus but relies instead on material and experiences "on site." Interdisciplinary in nature and team-taught, this course, by taking advantage of the unique cultural and academic resources that exist in the five capital cities, provides students with unmatched opportunities for study and learning. Students will be asked to read from a custom-designed text that will contain materials pertinent to the intellectual, cultural, economic, and political contributions the five capital cities have made to European history. Students will also have the opportunity to attend at least one artistic performance in each of the five cities and assess the artistic contributions of the various societies with visits to major museums.

**THE FACULTY** - An interdisciplinary faculty will teach the course. Professor Porter Blakemore from History and Professor John Kramer from Political Science and International Affairs will accompany the students from city to city.

**ELIGIBILITY** - "European Capitals" is open to all Mary Washington College students interested in the history, culture and politics of Europe. Yet, there are a limited number of places available for this course and spots will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

**COSTS** - The cost per student, excluding the tuition costs for a six-credit course, will be approximately \$3450, which includes all travel expenses, overnight accommodations, breakfasts and admission costs to many museums, cultural sites and one day excursions.

**QUESTIONS?** - An information meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in Monroe 202 on Wednesday, October 7. We will announce deadlines for participation at that time. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Mr. Blakemore or Mr. Kramer.

# Features

## Are You Colorblind?

### Hispanics And Asians Relate Stories Of Interracial Relationships

By Zelina Murray  
Bulletin Assistant Features Editor

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series concerning interracial dating.

Mention the term "interracial" and images of different peoples appear. Mention the term "interracial dating" and the image narrows to black and white. The attention of interracial dating is always focused on blacks and whites but what happens when an Hispanic or Asian dates outside of their ethnic group? Do they suffer the same harassment that a black and white couple go through, or is

their relationship more acceptable in the eyes of society because of their skin color similarities?

#### Green Eyes, Chucks & Chopsticks

Sophomores Steve Yi and Lisa Wagman were not each other's types when they first met each other about a year ago at an Underground dance.

"I was looking for someone with green eyes," Wagman said. "Someone with big aquamarine eyes," she specified, poking Yi in the ribs, as they sat perched up on the top bunk of his Marshall Hall dormroom.

"And I was looking to set her up with my roommate because they both

wore Converse Chucks," Yi said, returning Wagman's poke in the ribs.

What was found between the two of them was a mutual interest in each other. "We spent a lot of those first few weeks of our freshman year talking," Wagman said. "We found out that we had a lot in common—we had both done some traveling throughout Europe, we both enjoyed running, and we both just really enjoyed being around each other."

These similar interests led them to dating one another exclusively, and they have been dating each other for over a year now. "My family unsurprisingly accepted Steve,"

Wagman said. "I wasn't expecting any kind of objection from them just because Steve was Korean."

Wagman grew up in inner-city Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and moved to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. "I had interracially dated before in my high school in ultra-conservative Lancaster, and it was accepted there with a few raised eyebrows," Wagman said. "I've also always had friends that were from backgrounds different than my own."

Wagman said that the only time she questioned any of her friends accep-

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Sophomores Lisa Wagman and Steve Yi

Photo By Sunday Frey

## The Underground

### Former Pub Struggles To Achieve New Heights In Entertainment



Far left: Heather Taylor, manager of The Underground. Left: Inside The Underground with several Underground employees. Below: A Wackenhut employee stands outside The Underground on a Saturday night. Photos by Mike Woodward.

By Zelina Murray  
Bulletin Assistant Features Editor

Assistant Dean of Student Activities Cedric Rucker remembered going to the The Poolroom for dancing and other recreation in his days of undergraduate study at Mary Washington College.

Eagle's Nest employee Peggy Williams remembered spending seven days a week working in The Pub.

Now Heather Taylor spends most of her Wednesdays, Fridays and some Saturday evenings managing what The Poolroom and The Pub have evolved into - The Underground.

"The Poolroom opened up during my senior year at Mary Washington," Rucker said. "They closed it in 1979 to renovate it for student activity use, and it was reopened the school year of 1980-1981."

Before that time The Poolroom had been the college's pool facility. "The pool opened originally in 1928," Rucker said, "and all that was there was the deck in front of Lee Hall. The five story building, that we know as Ann Carter Lee Hall wasn't added until the 1952-53 school year."

Before The Poolroom, the basement of Seacobeck and the ballroom were used for student activities. "Many of the college's activities centered around beer," Rucker said. "I remember several times being in the basement of Seacobeck up to my ankles in beer and when events were held in the ballroom, beer seemed to cascade down the stairs from the ballroom."

"After The Poolroom opened it was always packed with people dancing and having a good time," Rucker said. "You

could also go upstairs to the C Shop and grab a bite to eat or play video games."

Williams remembers much of the same thing when it became The Pub in 1984. "We were open Monday through Sunday and on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights the place was packed with people dancing and drinking," she said. "Sometimes we would go through 10 to 12 kegs a night."

Williams said the weekend success of The Pub was related to the lack of business in the area. "At that time the college had no competition for its audience, whereas now, the students can go downtown to places like Sophia Street Station or the Grapevine Cafe," Williams explained.

Ying for and keeping the attention of the college audience is not an easy task to do, as Heather Taylor has found out as manager of The Underground. "Usually the place is a good size when there's something planned like a comedian or band, but on other nights the attendance is really low," Taylor said. Taylor also stated that one of the hardest things to do was getting people to stay in the place. "There have been several Saturday nights when we've had music playing and a small group of people in here dancing," she said. "People walk by, hear the music, poke their heads inside the door and when they see a small group of people they leave and sooner or later the group that was already here leaves too."

Taylor attributed the lack of participation in The Underground activities to their inability to sell beer. "It's really hard to compete with off-campus parties and downtown bars without a license to sell beer," she said. "Due to the school's size, there can only be one establishment on campus that can sell beer. That place is the Eagle's Nest because there must also

be a certain percentage of food sold with the alcohol," she said.

Taylor said she hopes that the new additions to The Underground facility will bring the crowd back. "For the past few semesters The Underground has gone through a series of renovations," Taylor said. "We've painted the walls, added a new permanent stage, and this semester we've had new lights and new sound put in, within the next two semesters we're hoping to renovate the place again and make it more relaxed."

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## Perspective: MWC Tradition Commented On By A Cynic

By Ken Marshall  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Schlepp trudges across the room to the open window and samples the wind-blown scent of newly planted flowers, sod and bricks. Schlepp is a student like every other student, only more so. It's Family Weekend, he knows she is on Route 95, quickly approaching Mary Washington College.

"Schlepp man, you better get this crap cleaned up before your mom gets here!"

"Will you help me?"

"Sorry Schlepp, I can't. My parents are coming too."

Schlepp ponders the meaning of it all: country bands, picnics, and forty-something men in MWC sweats. The parents want to know what their kids are up to. And the kids—yes, kids—try to divulge as little incriminating information as possible.

Schlepp favors shopping and dining out. He believes the sooner he can get his mom out of the dorm the better. Schlepp decides to wait in the lobby. Mom arrives with kisses, hugs and a "Hi." After a short visit, the Schlepps wander about the parent-infested campus as the son awkwardly gives a tour—avoiding 'the guys,' if possible.

Meanwhile, Mama Schlepp is taken by the flowers and sod. She says, "The campus looks so beautiful!" At this instant, somewhere on campus a Dean cracks a grin. Then the Schlepps arrive at the "beautiful fountain." Schlepp remembers the late-night swims and says, "Yeah, it's a great place to meet people and hang out at night after studying."

Schlepp, running out of ideas for keeping his mom entertained, suggests that they go to one of the many activities planned by the Family Weekend committee. Mama Schlepp replies, saying, "Oh, dear Schlepp, I just want to see you. We don't have to do any of that stuff, if you don't want to." Schlepp is thrilled to hear that he is spared from a barrage of museum tours.

The one thing Schlepp really wants to do is eat, so he suggests Sammy T's. "Oh really? What kind of place is that?" asks Mama Schlepp. "It's a place we go to a lot after studying. It's not too expensive." Lunch goes smoothly. Schlepp manages to sort his words before giving them up to his mom. His efforts, however, are in vain because Mama Schlepp knows her little Schlepp all too well, but cherishes him anyway. One of the two picks up the check, and it's off to the store. Soap, shampoo, towels, underwear, socks, a sweater and a pair of shoes migrate to Schlepp's room. Mama Schlepp knows what her son needs, supplies and a little love and encouragement. Despite all his fears as well as the administrative facade which screams, "Parents, you've spent your money well!" Schlepp is happy to have seen his mom but he is glad the next Family Weekend is a whole year away.

## Interest In Mountain Biking Accelerates At MWC

By Sunday Frey  
Bulletin Staff Writer

You see them everywhere now, riding down Campus Walk, some with backpacks, most with helmets, but all with a smile - and plenty of mud caked on their bikes. You might have been wondering, "Who are they?" "How did they get so dirty?" and, "Why?"

Junior Len OrNSTEIN, one of the founders of Mary Washington College's new Mountain Bike Club, said, "First and foremost, it's fun. It's a challenge. You try to get up a hill, and maybe the first couple of times you can't get all the way, but you get it. You build up confidence in yourself, test your abilities. Besides, it's a great stress relief, when I get out there I forget all my other problems."

Mountain biking has been a grow-

ing craze at MWC for the past few years. Senior Pete Chirico, another of the Bike Club's founders, said, "When



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-Len OrNSTEIN, co-founder of the Mountain Biking Club

I was a freshman, people around here were starting to become very active. My sophomore year I really started to get interested. By my junior year I was ready to buy a bike and go."

Al Sylvestre, another of the club's

founders, said, "You challenge yourself, sometimes you make it, sometimes you don't. If you do make it, your self-confidence builds, and not just on the bike. It's fun to almost wipe, you feel yourself on the edge, and it's an adrenaline rush."

Chirico, OrNSTEIN and Sylvestre began riding together earlier this year.

"Me, Pete Chirico and Al Sylvestre went down to Quantico to do a ride. Twelve miles in the mud...with machines cheering us on!" said OrNSTEIN. "There were a lot of other people from MWC there, so we decided we

should organize—really pool together our resources."

Twenty-one people showed up to the first interest meeting on September 8, and another twenty names were collected at Club Carnival on September 14. With over forty prospective members, the club is looking for leaders to fill the offices required for MWC club status, not to mention organization.

For the moment, however, Chirico, OrNSTEIN and Sylvestre's schedules are much too hectic. "We've all volunteered to help out, but we know that the responsibility would be too much," said Chirico.

With all that the club wants to do, it is no wonder these guys are looking for help. The club plans to cater to all skill levels such as riding, emphasizing safe riding and teaching helpful skills of riding and bike maintenance, as well as mapping out trails.

"Biking isn't something you want to do alone. Trails are rough and you can learn by riding with other people. You're going to fall off at some point, it's given that you're going to wreck and you're always doing something to the bike," said OrNSTEIN. "Something will get bent or come loose. It can be expensive to maintain a bike. Hopefully the club will be able to help people keep the costs down." Adam Owings, a fellow rider agrees. "A lot of these guys are very knowledgeable about bikes. They're always working on their own bikes. It's nice to be able to go up and say, 'Hey, can you come look at my gears?' Stuff like that can add up. First it's then twenty dollars. They can also give you pointers, what to do or not to do when you're riding," said Owings. Once officially recognized

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## BIKING

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and receiving a budget, the club plans to purchase some basic maintenance equipment for club use. They also hope to keep track of conditions and distances of trails, especially for those training for races. "There is always an element of danger...but if you know the trails and are careful, you'll be O.K.," said Ornstein who hopes to have organized trail runs with leaders who are familiar with the trails. They also plan to incorporate training in the gym into their schedules.

Not all members of this group are new to this sort of club. Many of the upper-classmen were part of the Trek Club or the former MWC Bike Club. However, the Bike Club was more oriented towards road riding and was not broad enough to incorporate the mountain bikers.

The Trek Club, on the other hand, was too broad to focus the attention that the trails needed. One of the major goals of this new club is to accommodate all types of riders, with the main focus being on the off road trails. There are few road riders to be found on campus these days, but the club is making an effort to find and contact them.

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Len Ornstein, co-founder of the Mountain Biking Club

Another interesting thing about this club is that it has developed among civilians of mountain biking. Ornstein points out that students are buying expensive mountain bikes to ride around campus. So the Mountain Biking Club offers to teach you to ride if you're inexperienced, ride with you if you're alone, and join you if you enjoy splashing through mud.

Hopefully, the club will help people that are interested find others, and the support can be raised to new heights here at (MWC), said Sylvestre.

## RELATIONSHIPS

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tance to interracial relationships was after a trip to Europe. "We had spent the summer traveling all over Europe, but it was while we were in France that I struck up this friendship with a black guy," Wagman said. "When we returned home my friends asked me if I was going to tell my parents about this guy in France, and I hadn't really thought about it because it was only a friendship and he was in France."

Wagman said, "My friends told me that my friendship with him hadn't bothered them personally, but that it might bother the adults if they knew. I told my parents what my friends had said about my friendship with this guy, and my parents just laughed."

Yi was born in Korea and moved around with his mother when he was young. "We lived in Queens, New York, and then when I was about to start third grade we moved to Northern Virginia because my mother was going to be working in Washington, D.C.," he said.

Yi went to high school in Vienna, Virginia. "The school was predominantly white, and the percentage of any minority group there was very small. "During high school and even last year, I had to deal with the obvious Asian stereotypes, like being asked if I knew kung-fu and being expected to do well in math," he said. "But I didn't take any of them negatively."

Wagman said that she has a difficult time seeing her relationship with Yi as an interracial one. "If anything I see us more as an intercultural couple," Wagman said. "I don't lie awake at night thinking that we're something special because Steve's Korean and I'm white," Wagman said.

They both said that they have received no harassment from anyone on- or off-campus. "I'm sure that people do notice, when we're out, that she's white and I'm Asian. It's an obvious difference, and that's OK. It's what people do, when they real-

ize the difference, that's important," Yi said.

"America is supposed to be a melting pot and just because you date someone with a different background doesn't mean that you have to give up all the values of your background," Yi said.

The one thing Wagman was impressed with was the closeness of Yi's family. "His mother will do and give anything for him, not in a spoiling sense," Wagman said. "His family is very supportive of him and whatever he wants to do - something that is not as prevalent in my family."

On campus, Wagman and Yi both feel that there is racial separatism. Wagman said she is the only white in the Asian Student Association. "If anything, I feel that I've learned a lot from Steve. I ask him questions all the time about things," she said. "Like, do Asians have to have special contacts? I know the questions might sound really silly sometimes but it's better to ask than to assume things."

Wagman said, "I think our families have learned from our relationship." She recalled the first dinner her mother had at Yi's house. "I forgot to tell her that she had to take her shoes off and my mother got all paranoid because she was scared that her socks were dirty," Wagman said.

"My mother has learned to make what she calls 'Caucasian' versions of dishes for Lisa. At first the dishes were too spicy for her and, if I've taught her anything, it's how to use chopsticks the right way," Yi said.

"The other day my roommate told me that Steve and I were starting to look alike," Wagman said, placing her arm around Yi's shoulder. "I took that as a compliment because it showed me that people do and can look past the obvious differences and see people for their personalities."

### What Time Is It?

Victor Torres had to resort to serenading Jeannette Alexander in her Bushnell Hall fourth floor dormroom last year to get her attention. "She

absolutely paid no attention to me," Torres said. "I couldn't even get her to tell me what time it was."

Torres and Alexander met during the summer before their freshman year at Mary Washington. "All summer I tried to get close to her but she just would not allow it," Torres said, laughing.

Alexander explained the situation, her way. "We were in the Summer Transition Program, and I was suffering from a severe case of homesickness. I had no time to really notice him with all the course work that we had to do."

During the three-week break that they had between the end of the program and the beginning of their freshman year, Torres still pursued Alexander. "I drove down to her house to visit her. It took me five hours to get there when it should have been a two- or three-hour trip."

Once at her house, Alexander introduced him to her family. "Everyone seemed really comfortable with Victor. At the time he was still only a friend," Alexander said.

"So later when we did decide to date I was surprised at my father's skepticism of me dating Victor," she said. "I didn't feel that it was because Victor was Hispanic, but because I was 'Daddy's little girl.' He was having a hard time realizing that I was growing up and had stronger feelings for Victor than I had the first time he had met him at the end of the summer."

In the Torres family the idea of dating someone black was not an acceptable idea. "When my father first asked me about Jeannette, I told him about her and how I felt about her and everything seemed fine," Torres said. "Then when he found out she was black, he sat me down and told me that Hispanics and blacks don't historically get along, and that he didn't approve of the relationship but that it was my decision to have a relationship with her," Torres said. "He also started issuing ultimatums to me. I didn't know that my father felt that way about blacks and His-

panics; it was a total surprise," Torres said. "I had dated someone black in my first year of high school, and my father never said anything."

Torres said, "I think the difference this time was that I had serious feelings for Jeannette, and he realized it."

Torres also said that his father's disapproval of his relationship with Alexander stemmed from an incident that occurred several years ago. His father was held up and shot by two black teenagers. Torres said that his father felt that he would not have been shot if he had not have been Hispanic.

Alexander related the first time she met his mother. "I felt very uncomfortable, and I don't think she really liked the idea of Victor and me dating either but she wasn't vocal about it as his father."

Torres quickly explained that his relationship with his mother had been very close, and his mother was showing signs of jealousy. "I tell my mom everything, and she had never seen me so serious about a girl before, so I think she was jealous at the start of our relationship," Torres said.

Torres and Alexander both admit that they have not really noticed any stares or looks given to them on-campus or off-campus. "We don't tend to look for that kind of thing when we're out," Alexander said, "because if you look for it, you'll find it, and we're more concerned with being ourselves and having a good time than looking for stares and listening for whispers."

Alexander said, "I do think that because I'm lighter-skinned that we don't get half of the harassment that darker-skinned blacks or Hispanics may get if they date interracially."

Alexander said, "People are always looking for differences, skin color, hair color, shoes, anything to find a difference, and if you don't respond to them there's a possibility that they will stop looking."

The next article in this series will discuss the children of interracial relationships.

## UNDERGROUND

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Rucker feels that the crowd has already returned to The Underground. "There's always a long line of people waiting to get in when there's a band or comedian," he said. "The Underground was also packed at the first few dances of the semester."

Rucker said, "It's clear that there is an interest in going to The Underground for entertainment and I feel that this kind of interest will continue throughout the rest of the semester." Sean Hooks, freshman class president, said he feels that The Under-

ground is a nice place to go, when there's something going on. "I think [The Underground] needs to be open every weekend and I think that there should be a suggestion box for programming ideas."

Freshman Tina VanPuybroeck agreed with Hooks. "There should definitely be more activity in The Underground. They should book more up and coming bands on the weekends," VanPuybroeck said. "I think that people would go because there's not too much else to do."

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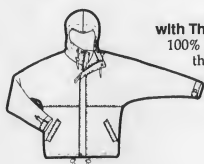
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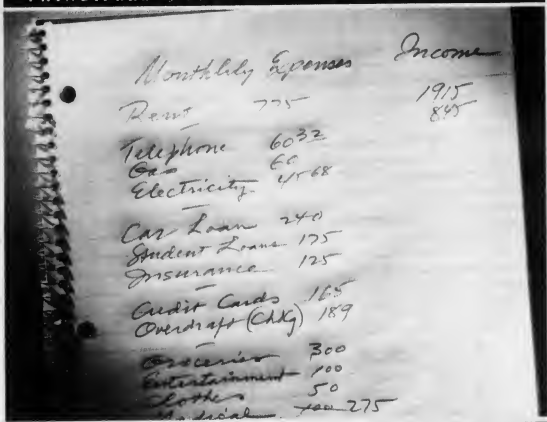
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# Sports

## Intramurals Rock At the Wash

By Stacey Freed  
Bulletin Staff Writer

For students who are interested in athletics, but do not have the time or skill needed to participate in the NCAA program here, the intramural sports program at Mary Washington College is the answer.

"I play for the fun and competition, but I also enjoyed the camaraderie with my friends," said senior flag football participant Bill Driscoll whose team won last year and this year. "The NCAA is too time consuming and too competitive for average schmoe like us."

Along with being awarded a T-shirt, the men's, women's, and coed divisions are given the opportunity to participate in the 14th Annual USF&G Sugar Bowl National Invitational Flag Football Championships in New Orleans this January.

"Last year was a good experience and a good opportunity because we got to meet people from other schools and different parts of the country," said Driscoll, whose team went to New Orleans last year. "We also got to be in New Orleans for New Year's Eve which was fun. But if we don't get the funding this year, I don't know if we'll be able to pull it off."

According to Director of Campus Recreation Jean Holt, the college will pay the \$230 team entry fees, but it will be up to each player to pay the \$17 individual participation fee as well as arranging for transportation, food, and lodging.

"This is a great chance to see what the larger schools do," said Holt. "There would be really good interaction with students from other schools."

According to the Mary Washington College Recreation Book, the purpose of the intramural program is to support "...the physical and mental development of the full-time college

community...by offering a variety of educational, social, recreational and leisure-oriented programs in informal recreation, intramurals, club sports and fitness."

Junior coed flag football player Mike Cerami had ulterior motives for participating.

"I played it for fun and to get some exercise, but I mainly played in the coed league to meet some new freshmen chicks," Cerami said.

Amy Spellerberg, a freshman volleyball and coed flag football player said she got involved with intramural sports because it was an opportunity to get together with friends.

"I'm in Virginia dorm, so this was a good icebreaker and a way to be with friends from other dorms," said Spellerberg.

Because students do not all agree about how competitive intramural sports should be, MWC offers three levels.

"The program is as competitive as an individual wants to make it," said Holt. "One thing we did last year was offer different levels—A level which is highly competitive, B level which is intermediate to competitive, and C level which is for the beginner who just wants to have fun."

Program Supervisor Bernard Johnson said he thinks the program is run well.

"We're here for students and to cater to the students' schedules," said Johnson. "There are dates some students can't play, so we try to schedule around that."

Spellerberg originally did not think she would be able to play both volleyball and flag football due to scheduling.

"I was worried that they would overlap, but they did a great job of scheduling. I think there was only one conflict," said Spellerberg.

Senior Heather Yaack said, "I've

played in the past, but it seems like every semester I find out about the registration right before the deadline if not after."

Schedules for signing up are at the information area at the post office. Anyone interested in playing should go to campus recreation and fill out a team entry form, marking the dates convenient for playing. But Holt says that in order to register, the person filling out the form must know each player's name and social security number.

"The only students eligible to play are full-time students because they pay the student activities fee," said Holt. "In the past we've had part-time students playing and we even had someone try to play who didn't even attend the college."

Holt says that students should be aware of the \$10 forfeit fee, which must be paid by noon of the day of the next game.

Senior Teresa Roberts' team had to pay that fee after a misunderstanding. "We were kind of mad because that Sunday it was pouring down rain and we just assumed it would be canceled," said Roberts. "But I understand the concept because it would be frustrating if people constantly didn't show up."

According to Holt, starting next semester each team will be charged \$20 upfront. If they do not forfeit any games they will be refunded the full amount, but for each game missed they lose \$10. After the third forfeit, the team is out of the league.

Entries for soccer close tomorrow at 5:00 pm as do entries for the three on three Blacktop Tournament.

The intramural department is also looking for officials to referee the soccer season.

The only other sport for the fall semester is the Schicks Super Hoop Basketball Tournament.



Photo by Art Speyer

Senior Bill Driscoll avoids the rush in the flag football championship game last Wednesday. Driscoll's team went on to win the game for the second straight year.

## Despite Numerous Injuries, Men's Soccer Wins 8-0

By Tim Dwyer  
Bulletin Sports Editor

This season has been physically tough for many players on Mary Washington College's men's soccer team, but Saturday's 8-0 blanketing of Marymount went a long way in starting to relieve some of the pain.

"It was good that we finally broke open and scored some goals," said junior Ted Keim.

Sophomore David Holt scored two goals as did senior Tony Trepal, who played despite a knee injury. Sophomores Tommy Walthall and Doug Jester, who both played with leg injuries added one apiece as did sophomore Andy McDonald. Marymount scored the other Eagle goal on themselves.

"It makes it tough trying to practice with an injury," said junior Bill Hallock, who is sidelined with partially torn knee ligaments. "You don't get a chance to heal."

**"It was good that we finally broke open and scored."**

-Ted Keim  
Midfielder

Wednesday's game against Christopher Newport University with an illness.

"It's one of those years where injuries keep coming up," said Coach Roy Gordon. "Everytime we turn around, there's another little injury."

Still, despite all the injuries, Gordon seems pleased with the Eagles' overall showing. They are 5-2-1 overall and 2-0 in the Capital Athletic Confer-

ence.



Photo by Kim Stoker

"A lot has to be held in perspective," explained Gordon. "We started the season with three top twenty teams and a former top twenty Division II team."

"The loss to Virginia Wesleyan was a disappointment because we felt we played just as well as they did. We just couldn't finish the chances we created for ourselves."

One positive thing that has come out of all the injuries is it gave other players a chance to step forward. Freshmen Jeff Kramer is one who has used the injuries to his advantage.

Against Christopher Newport, Kramer played in the midfield, and according to Gordon, did an excellent job. Against Marymount, he started as a sweeper.

**Midfielder Gus Carmona-Ernst chases Marymount's John Morlu in the Eagles 8-0 victory.**

## Sports Briefs

### MWC Hosts Tennis

This weekend MWC will host the Women's Rolex Southeast Tennis Championships for NCAA Division III.

Many of the top players in the area will come from schools like Sweet Briar, Christopher Newport, Washington & Lee, and Mary Baldwin.

The winner of the singles competition will earn an all-expense-paid trip to the Rolex National Small College Tennis Championship in Corpus Christi, Texas the weekend of October 22.

The winning doubles team will have a portion of their expenses picked up by Rolex.

### Soccer Breaks Record

On Sunday, the women's soccer team broke the school record for goals scored in a game by crushing CAC opponent Goucher 13-0 to conclude the Parents Weekend festivities.

Allissa Magrum led the Eagle assault with three goals and an assist. Julie Mason added two goals and an assist and Becky Miller chipped in another two. The day before, MWC beat the Marymount Saints 1-0 on a goal by Ashley Young in the second half. Stefanie Teter had the lone assist.

The Eagles are now 5-3-1 overall and 3-0 in the CAC.

MWC plays at George Washington tomorrow and at Washington & Lee this Saturday.

### Women's Rugby Wins

MWC's women's rugby team has won its first two games of the young season. They opened with a win against Old Dominion University and defeated Longwood this past weekend.

In the win over Longwood, Hope Glass converted five tries.

### Men's Rugby Also Wins

On September 19, MWC's men's rugby team defeated William and Mary 75-0 in a record setting victory. The previous record was a 72-0 win over the University of Richmond last year.

Winger Kentlingram scored five tries and center Erik Stohr scored a try, a drop kick, a penalty kick, and a conversion.

### Baseball Wins Three

The Eagles won all three games this past weekend to improve their exhibition record to 5-0.

On Saturday, MWC hosted Prince George's County Community College in a doubleheader. They won the first game 9-1, but needed nine innings in the second game to win 6-5 and complete the sweep.

The following day, the Eagles traveled down to battle the University of Richmond and ended up coming away with a 9-8 victory.

The Eagles added another victory to their record with a 6-0 win over York College this past Saturday.

In the first half, junior Chrissie Avery made the first goal with an assist from Kim Cornell. Sophomore April Moshos made the second goal with an assist from junior Candice Malone. The third goal was made by freshman Suzie Chenault with an assist by Candice Malone. The last goal of the first half was scored by Chrissie Avery with an assist from junior Deanna Knorr.

In the second half, freshmen Amy Mann and Eliza Huber scored the two goals with assists from Samantha Forshey and freshman Carin Gsellman. The Eagles next game will be Wednesday against Randolph-Macon.

## Young Field Hockey Team Enjoys Six Game Winning Streak

By Allison Murdock  
Bulletin Assistant Sports Editor

The MWC women's field hockey team is off to a strong start in 1992 with a winning record of 6-1.

Dana Soper, coach of the MWC field hockey team, says the team is very young this year with 13 freshman and 12 upperclassmen.

"The 13 freshman are adding a lot to the team," said Soper. "They are able to come in and play and let some of the upperclassmen rest their legs during a game."

"It's great that the team is young because we can grow together," said right link junior Deanna Knorr. "The skill is there from the freshman and they will gain experience." Kim Cornell, a junior forward, agrees that the 13 freshman are adjusting well to MWC's type of game plan.

"The team really clicks," said Cornell. We play as a team

not just as individuals, and we support each other on and off the field."

Soper adds that all the players are able to contribute to the game because she is able to make more substitutions. Soper is able to make more substitutions because of the talent and experience of the younger members of the team.

"Everybody has a strong level of play," said sophomore defender Michelle O'Hanlon. Because of this strong level of play, everybody is able to participate in the games.

The field hockey team welcomes the new members with the loss of three key players who graduated last year and some other players who decided not to play this year due to academic reasons.

The team would like to defend their title as CAC (Capital Athletic Conference) Champions and also receive another bid to nationals.

The Eagles lost their first game against Johns Hopkins, but

have been winning ever since. The Eagles have scored wins against Goucher and Roanoke. They also performed well at the Salisbury State Sunfest Tournament.

"The win against Roanoke was really big," said Soper. The score was 6-1 with the Eagles having five different scorers.

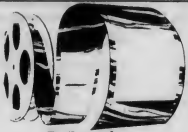
Roanoke scored their first and only goal in the first minute of the first half, but things went turn around for the Eagles after this. MWC scorers were freshmen Meredith Lerley, Grace Massey, Eliza Huber, sophomore Samantha Forshey, and junior Kim Cornell.

Soper adds that the Roanoke game was also a good win because the Roanoke coach is on the national field hockey committee so the win made an impression.

Soper feels that some of the success of the season is due to the top condition of the players.



# Entertainment



## Movies

at Dodd Auditorium

Thursday Oct. 1 10:00 City Slickers  
Friday Oct. 2 7:30/10:00 City Slickers  
Sunday Oct. 4 2:30/7:30 Longtime Companion



## Shows

Wednesday Sept. 30 8:30 p.m. Tom Acousti. Underground. Free.

Sunday Oct. 4 8 p.m. Leonid Sushansky, Violin Recital. Dodd Auditorium. Free.

Tuesday Sept. 29 8 p.m. "Bodyleaks." Klein Theatre.

Friday Oct. 2 8 p.m. New Dominion Record Release Party. Featuring Burma Jam, Jettison Charlie, Damn Near Red, Kash. Underground. MWC \$1/guests-\$3.

## Exhibits

### Art

Belmont Gallery  
224 Washington St.  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily, 1-4 p.m. Sunday. 899-4860.

James Monroe Museum  
908 Charles St. 899-4559  
Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
\$3 adults, \$1 ages 6-18, MWC ID free.

Through Oct. 31: "Images of a President: Portraits of James Monroe."

## Take Note

Sept. 30-Oct. 1  
Banned Book Week. Campus Walk 11 a.m.-2p.m.

Saturday Oct. 3 Fountain Party. Sponsored by Class Council. 4:30-7:30. At the Fountain. Free Food and Drinks.

## AIDS AWARENESS WEEK ACTIVITIES

\* Thursday Oct. 1 Kickoff Event 9 p.m. Eagles Nest

\* Friday Oct. 2 Walk and "Reflection Time" Unveil Memorial Panel. 7 p.m. GW to Campus Center

\* Sat. and Sun. Oct. 3/4 Buddy Training Session Noon to 4:30 p.m.

\* Sunday Oct. 4 Film: "Long Time Companion" 2 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Dodd Auditorium

\* Monday Oct. 5 "Living with HIV" Guest Speaker. 7 p.m. Red Room.

If you would like to announce any entertainment oriented events, contact Michele or Lori at x4393



Photo Mike Woodward

## Colonial Theater Struggles To Keep The Arts Alive

By Rafael Mazarrasa  
Bulletin Staff Writer

This fall, more than twenty different movies are being shown at Dodd. Only one of them, Luc Besson's 1991 film, "La Femme Nikita", did not originate in the U.S.

This is not the first time that MWC Students have had the chance to watch this movie. As some might remember, the Colonial theater -- located at 907 Caroline St. in downtown Fredericksburg, played some of Besson's films last year. The critically acclaimed movie was part of an extensive selection of foreign and art films played by the Colonial in its short lived attempt to bring alternative cinema to Fredericksburg. "The quality of my life increased with the opening of the foreign film series at the Colonial. The quality of my life went down [when they discontinued]. Why? Because I love quality films, and the college doesn't provide them," said Jeanne Drewes, director of Instruction and Access service. "They appeal to the lowest common denominator. I tried to talk some people in the administration into bringing more art movies and they told me that the students just wouldn't like them."

Tony Mitchell, who bought the theater in June of 1990, says that he felt that there was a demand in the area for alternative movies, because art films in Fredericksburg were hard to find. Out of the almost thirty theaters in the area, only a small percentage of them plays an occasional non-Hollywood movie, usually the one winning the Oscar for the Best Foreign Film. The theaters dedicated exclusively to foreign and art films were more than an hour away in Washington, D.C. and Richmond.

"In Delaware where I live there's always too much going on; when I come here I feel like I'm in a cultural abyss."

- Liz Hockmuth, student

Mitchell believed that there was a potential audience in the area who would be interested in films out of the mainstream. His hopes were not to be fulfilled. The expected audiences failed to materialize, and after a short run, Mitchell was forced to fold the project. Richard Wolkos, a cinephile and an MWC student is not surprised.

"Every time I went, the place was almost empty. It's kind of sad because the movies were brilliant. I think they opened the theater thinking that a lot of students from the college would go. They probably overestimated the average MWC student, who isn't really interested in a movie with subtitles and no happy endings," he said.

It wasn't the first time in the Colonial's long history that it had been forced to close due to lack of rentability. The theater is one of the oldest movie houses in Fredericksburg. Opened in 1929, the Colonial was built by Benjamin Pitts, a very successful business man who owned several theaters in the same street and over twenty others all over Virginia and Maryland. Pitts spent more than \$200,000 to build the theater. With an original capacity of the 1,300 people, the Colonial was one of the finest theaters of the area. Indeed, for a period of 20 years after its construction it was one of

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## Students and Faculty To Protest Book Censorship This Week

By Jamie Pizzorno  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Did you know that some of your favorite novels and even your textbooks may be among many that are considered banned?

"I find it personally upsetting that I cannot read something that somebody does not trust me to read. I have a right to formulate my own opinions," says Rebecca Mulvaney, assistant director of the bookstore and coordinator of Banned Book Week.

The week of Sept. 26 through Oct. 3, 1992 has been designated "Banned Book Week" by the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Speech. In observance, the bookstore is sponsoring a series of readings of banned books to be read by alumni, staff, and faculty in continuum, for 10 minute intervals, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 30 and Thursday, Oct. 1, in front of Lee Hall. In addition, there is display of several banned books in the library. According to the foundation, Banned Book Week originated to emphasize that imposing restraints on the availability of information on a free people is far more dangerous than any ideas that may be expressed in the information they seek.

Students and faculty have several reasons for reading from selected books this week. Most find the books to be of great literary quality, they also want to protest censorship.

"They are banning great works of literature for no good reason... some of the works are equivalent to an 'R' rated movie, and it's not banned," says Barbara Nelson, a senior and one of the readers for Banned Book Week.

"I really don't believe in banning books. It really

shocked me when I read some of the titles that were on the (banned books) list," says Joni Wood, landscape supervisor for the College.

Censorship is still active in the United States. According to Mulvaney, there are many recent books that have been put on the Banned Books list. A few of the more popular ones include "What You Can Do To Avoid AIDS," by Earvin "Magic" Johnson and Shel Silverstein's "A Light in the Attic."

"We need to emphasize that censorship is still alive; we need to promote an awareness," says Mulvaney.

Mulvaney said that out of all the books used in courses at the college, 29 are on the banned book list. Some professors do not realize they are banned, or ignore this fact.

"Because they are the books that best suit the students' needs for learning the required material."

Censorship does not only happen on a local level, but also on a national level. A new piece of legislation is currently moving through Congress that would make publishers, booksellers, and others liable for criminal acts committed by people who are allegedly acting under the influence of something they have seen or read, according to Oren J. Teicher, president of the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression. Some booksellers find this legislation threatening.

"There could be some lunatic running around who could just happen to purchase one of my books and do something crazy. He'd be left off the hook while I get fined or prosecuted for his unstable mental state," said one bookseller.

Censorship is a sensitive topic to deal with. Some who are against censorship feel that people have the right to read and see whatever they want to. The college bookstore is getting students, faculty, and staff to become aware of the limitations of censorship.

"We can best protect our freedoms by exercising our freedoms," says Mulvaney.

## Violin Master Performs and Teaches at MWC

By Michelle Smith  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Many people have no idea what they want to do with their life, even when they graduate from college, but Leonid Sushansky has known since he was seven. From that moment on, he has eaten, slept and breathed the violin -- practicing grueling hours a day, everyday.

Sushansky, a Russian-born violinist, performing artist in strings is the newest addition to the faculty at Mary Washington College. As a former teacher at the university of Maryland, he is excited about his move to Mary Washington. He teaches strings and will serve as concert master for the college as well as the Community Symphony Orchestra.

"I think the campus is so beautiful. The people are very friendly, and it's an overall pleasant atmosphere to work," says Sushansky.

"Mary Washington College needed to fill a part-time position and Sushansky wanted minimal employment so as not to take away from his performing and practice time so in essence it was a marriage of needs," said James Baker, chairperson of the music department.

Sushansky is no stranger to the concert hall. Throughout his young life, he has appeared as a guest soloist at Carnegie Hall and Alice Tully Hall in New York City, as soloist with the Philharmonia Virtuosi Orchestra of New York, the Washington Chamber Orchestra, and the Washington Pro Musica. He has also been a soloist with the Aspen Festival, the Festival de Tours in France and the Maryland Handel Festival. Sushansky, however, will be accompanied by Vera Danchenko, a faculty member of the Peabody Conservatory, on piano in the upcoming Oct. 4 recital. Students, like Sunday Frey, are excited to hear him play.

"I'm so looking forward to watching this violin master at his best," said Frey. "After playing for so long you think you know everything there is but then Sushansky comes along and focuses on the weak points I didn't even know. He's given me a whole new perspective on my playing and I thank him for that. To me -- he's simply the best."

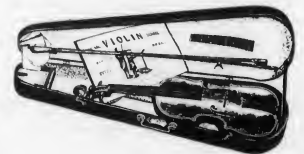
Frey is not the only one raving about Sushansky. His newfound colleagues are as well.

"Because of his recognized abilities and qualifications, and past accomplishments, we have no reservations with respect to his getting the job done," said Baker.

This high appraisal is nothing new seeing that he has grown up in the business. Born in St. Petersburg (formerly known as Leningrad), Sushansky began his study at a very early age by watching his mother, who is also a violinist. He won his first award in the Leningrad Young Violinist Competition at a mere eight years of age. This led to a solo appearance at the Capella Concert Hall. He even began teaching his mother's classes when he was fourteen.

When he and his family immigrated to the United States and settled in New York, Sushansky recalls being on unstable ground. "It was a traumatic experience for me because I didn't know any English and it was a sink or swim situation. I used my violin to speak for me," he says.

The tactic obviously worked because he was immediately accepted as a scholarship student at the Mannes



College of Music. The following year he won a scholarship to the Juillard School of Music where he remained for seven years.

"I think the human voice is a beautiful instrument and the violin comes close to it as possible which is one of the reasons I love playing it," says Sushansky.

When asked if he still gets nervous, even after all the many performances he's done, he said, "I'm always nervous before a performance because I want to give them my best," he says. "Performing keeps me fresh and new and it's a way for me to make friends."

In addition to all his other feats, Sushansky has also been filmed for various television programs, including Marvin Hamlisch Special on Showtime and Columbia Cable in New York this past January. He cites the Joe Franklin Show and the WQXR radio station in New York as being his favorites.

"They were so much fun to do and I sure wouldn't mind doing them again," he said. When he is not busy teaching, performing or practicing, he enjoys hiking, swimming and theatre.

Sushansky will present his recital on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 4 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium. The show is open to the public and is free of charge.

## THEATER

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Fredericksburg's most successful theaters.

However as the 50s rolled by, the Colonial went into a progressive decline; it was being slowly overshadowed by the Victoria theater, also located on Caroline St. By the end of the decade the Colonial had turned into a rerun theater, while the Victoria, just across the street, played the most popular premieres.

A few years later both theaters were in deep economic troubles. With the 60s had come a new wave of theaters that were no longer situated downtown, but in the outskirts of the city. These new theaters had plenty of parking space, bigger and better screens, clearer sound, and most important of all -- air conditioning. Neither the Colonial nor the Victoria were able to face up the competition.

These days, the Victoria is the site for the Fredericksburg Baptist church. The Colonial was forced to close its doors and passed on to a church. The new owners did some repairs and kept the decaying building in good condition for a number of years, but eventually moved to another location. After that, the Colonial passed through the hands of various promoters who brought in different shows with varying degrees of success.

"I do different things business wise but to make old things come back to life has always been one of my favorite activities. I own a series of old buildings here in Fredericksburg and the Colonial had a special appeal for me," said Mitchell. "I had first come in contact with it in the 50s, when I was a kid. I used love to come every weekend to watch the Saturday matinee, which was usually western. Little did I know back then that I would grow up to buy the place."

During his first year in charge, Mitchell brought in music groups such as The Impressions, Leon Redbone and others. Although the turnout for these events was fairly good it wasn't enough to keep the business going.

The country was by then in the

middle of an economic recession and Mitchell's other businesses weren't doing as well as they used to. He considered the idea of making the Colonial a movie theater again, but this time focused exclusively on art and foreign films. Mitchell was convinced that being the only alternative theater in the area there was a big potential for success. He found the experienced help he needed in the staff of the Byrd -- an art theater in Richmond -- who selected and booked all the movies that were to play in the Colonial. While the experiment lasted, locals had the chance to enjoy some of the finest examples of non-Hollywood films produced in these days.

The selection provided by the Byrd turned out to be excellent and very diverse. There was just about everything -- Mexican psychos in A. Jodorowsky's "Santa Sangre," contemporary second comings in "The

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- Tony Mitchell, owner of the Colonial Theater

Jesus of Montreal," and cyberpunk high technicism in "Akira." There were also some rarities such as "Superstar," a full-length award-winning documentary on Andy Warhol, and classics like Walt Disney's "Fantasia." The weekly screening of the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" every Saturday at midnight was the psychedelic cherry on top of the alternative celluloid cake.

Expecting students to make up the majority of the Colonial's audience, a marketing campaign was organized all over campus with flyers and advertisements in the *Bullet*.

But the crowds of students failed to materialize. The Colonial did fairly well in the weekends, but it was almost empty during the weekdays. It seemed that in a town of 40,000 inhabitants and a college of 3,000 students there just weren't enough people interested in films that went one step beyond "The Prince of Tides" and

"Terminator."

According to Mitchell, "We just couldn't get enough patrons to keep it rolling. It is imperative to have some trade in the week in order to keep a theater going; we just couldn't maintain a staff in the weekend trade. We got a lot of support and good comments, but it was all basically from the same people that came all the time."

The students that did frequent the Colonial can't help but feel a sense of loss. Michael Taylor, an MWC student, said, "It's kind of sad that its gone. It was one of the more interesting things to do."

Other students attribute the closing of the Colonial to a lack of interaction between the college of the Colonial and the town of Fredericksburg.

"There's a lot of students that never leave the college except to party at someone's off campus house," says Fatima Sulaiman, a senior at MWC.

Mitchell acknowledges the problem. "Sometimes it looks like two different autonomous communities, two cities within a city. Having grown up here I think it's been like that for a long time. I believe that the city is not taking full advantage of the college community, but I think that

those barriers are slowly coming down."

After it became obvious to Mitchell that the Colonial couldn't be sustained as an alternative theater he considered turning it into a regular theater, but this too proved to be almost impossible. The studies give priority to established theaters, to the point where it was very hard for a newcomer like Mitchell to get any first run movies.

Since the films stopped there has been just about everything in the Colonial -- children plays, off-Broadway theater, concerts, even boxing matches. Mitchell is not giving up on the Colonial.

"We have pretty much ruled out movies. But that doesn't mean we're closing. The Colonial is going to be very much alive this year. I intend to keep this place, and to do whatever it takes to keep it alive."

## TESTING

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"We get a lot of people who tell jokes and laugh (at first), but we get a lot of open eyes and wide mouths when we're done," she said.

According to Parrish, the latest studies indicate that approximately one in 450 to 500 college students carry the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the virus which causes AIDS. IFMWC follows this average, seven or eight students are HIV positive.

Parrish's number is called before mine, and I nervously wait in the room, watching the other people. I start counting the tiles on the floor.

Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, or AIDS, was first reported in the U.S. in 1981. NIH now estimates that one million people in the U.S. are infected with HIV, although most do not show symptoms. State Health Department statistics show 3145 reported HIV infections in Virginia, and 20 in Fredericksburg.

HIV causes the deterioration of the body's immune system, making it vulnerable to infections. There are drugs which slow the spread of HIV in the body and delay the onset of opportunistic infections, but there is no cure for AIDS. No drug can prevent transmission of the virus, which occurs through contact with infected blood, vaginal, or seminal fluids.

A woman's voice calls "Number six." I take a deep breath and go to the first room. There a young woman asks me if this is my first time in the STD clinic. I tell her it is, and she starts a new file. She takes my name and address and spends a couple of minutes writing them down on many different forms.

I do not expect to test positive for any diseases. I am not in any HIV "high risk" groups, which include homosexuals, intravenous drug users, hemophiliacs, or others who receive blood products, and anyone who has multiple sex partners.

But anyone who is or who has been sexually active could be infected by HIV or other STDs. It is impossible to know the complete sexual history of any person. One would have to know the histories of each of that person's partners, all the partner's partners, and so on. And since many STDs, including AIDS, cause no noticeable symptoms in their early stages, many doctors recommend regular testing for STDs so that measures can be taken to cure them or slow their progress.

My next stop is a small waiting area at an intersection of hallways. Parrish is here, along with an MWC student who wished to remain anonymous. The student and Kelly Yospin, an MWC sophomore, came to the clinic together. The anonymous student said that since she had been engaging in sexual behavior, she decided to have the STD testing done in addition to the HIV test.

She said that her godfather died three years ago from AIDS-related illnesses. "It has hit pretty close to home for me," the student said. "I figured I have to take responsibility for myself."

While AIDS is unquestionably the deadliest of STDs, it is far from the most common. NIH reports that genital herpes affects approximately 30 million people in the

U.S. and is incurable. About 1.5 million cases of gonorrhea, 300,000 cases of hepatitis B, and 130,000 cases of syphilis occur each year in this country, according to NIH.

Chlamydia is the most common of STDs, with an estimated four million new cases in 1991. Chlamydial infection may cause an abnormal genital discharge and a burning sensation with urination. Parrish said that one estimate she has seen indicates that 40% of college students will have chlamydia by the time they graduate.

Chlamydia and other STDs, if allowed to develop, can lead to pelvic inflammatory disease in women, which is one of the most common causes of infertility in women, and can cause ectopic, or tubal, pregnancies—where the fertilized egg implants in the fallopian tube instead of the uterus. In some cases, ectopic pregnancies can be fatal to the mother and is always fatal to the baby.

Parrish goes into the lab to have a small amount of blood extracted to be sent to a laboratory, which will test for the presence of HIV antibodies in the blood and send back the results.

Overman said that there are HIV positive students at MWC. "I know there are some, I don't know names," she said. "I have a good idea that there are more people walking around who are HIV positive and don't know it."

In the blood lab, the nurse instructs me to sit on a throne-like chair with large armrests. I put my arm on the armrest and she takes a small amount of blood from my arm and puts a sticker that has my identification number on the vial. She then copies the number on a card which I will bring back to get the same result of the test, and shows me that the two numbers are the same.

I now go back to one of the examination rooms where Virginia Johnson, Public Health Nurse and HIV Counselor with the Health Department, explains to me the process of collecting samples of excretion from the urethra, and tells me that it is uncomfortable but not painful. She also tells me approximately a third of those who get tested at the STD/AIDS clinic or the family planning service are college students.

After a sample of secretions is taken, it is incubated to allow the bacteria to multiply. The sample is then examined under a microscope to determine what bacteria are present. Results for STD tests can be mailed to the patient, but HIV results must be received in person so that counseling can be given.

Yospin says that the toughest part of the process was the two week wait between the test and receiving the result.

Johnson later tells me that my test came back negative and explains what that means. The time takes for HIV antibodies to develop is no more than six months, so I did not contract the virus more than six months ago. It is possible, however, that I was infected within the last six months and still have a negative test result.

Johnson stressed the use of condoms, but points out that they are not completely reliable. The MWC STD/AIDS Peer Educators say the same thing.

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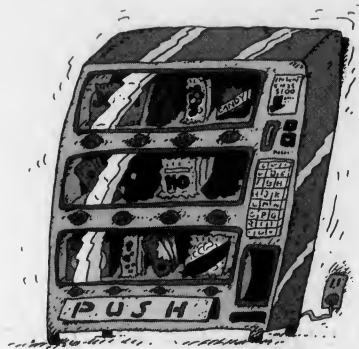
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